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Boston

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Mr Silliman looks to me about as he did before I went away -
The changes in my old acquaintances, whether in looks or in
mind, have been on the whole less than I expected -
And strange to say the women (with some exceptions) do not
seem to have grown old so fast as the men -

I am to spend the winter here in Meriden - If you should
happen to be passing on the Rail Road stop & see me - Persons
will be glad to see you as well as your old friends
J. W. Dickinson

the world that I incline more strongly than ever to a
quiet life.

With respect to the American Board I have ~~been~~
stood on neutral ground, not speaking for or against -
I have had a good opportunity for looking at the doings
of the Board from the foreign point of view - I wish now
to look at things from the home point & then make up
my mind & take my ground - One thing seems to me plain
that influences are at work which will permanently diminish
the receipts of the Board and oblige it to retire from the
front rank of benevolent doings - But I cannot enter upon
the subject in a letter - when we meet we will ~~talk~~ talk
it over -

I saw Sherman Day not long since at his house
in Brooklyn & spent a pleasant evening with him &
his wife & children - I also fell in with Bob Rankin
a Whig Candidate for Congress at ~~the~~ that time, but whether
he was elected or not I have not heard - I saw Larned
the other day at New Haven - Dr Taylor has grown old -

Rev. J. T. Dickenson

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My dear Phelps,

Thanks for your letter of the 12th.
Owing partly to the shortness of my stay in Boston and
partly to the bad weather at the time I did not see
the half of my old friends - I did not see Bunker
Hill Monument. I had not even a distant glimpse of it -
I must go again -

I have as yet no definite plans for the future -
I do not mean to be an idle man - For how can one
call himself immortal & think of Heaven as his Home &
God as his Friend & Man as his Brother & yet sit
down at the age of 38 in an easy chair for the rest
of life? So I must do something - But what? A question
which I do not find it easy to answer - I have looked
at the plan which you suggest and have talked about
it with Perkins - Neither of us think that it is the thing
for us - It would bring me too much and too suddenly
into the midst of things - I have lived so long out of